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## DOUGLAS IN SPOTLIGHT

In the wake of the Carswell vote in the U. S. Senate, attention has once again focused on Associate Justice William O. Douglas. A group of House members have declared that if the Senate can reject Judge Harrold Carswell and Judge Clement F. Haynsworth for the reasons set forth, then the same logic must be followed and therefore Justice Douglas must go.

Over the years Justice Douglas has been criticized for a great variety of reasons: his past association with the Albert Parvin Foundation; his political activities at the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions; his open arrogance in ruling in favor of convicted pornographer Ralph Ginzburg after having accepted money from his publication. And then there are the Douglas marriages.

But the most recent controversy breaking around his head has to do with a book which the judge wrote entitled "Points of Rebellion." In this little book Douglas virtually invites revolutionary violence and he attacks as "oppressive" the FBI, the Pentagon, the CIA, the Establishment and almost every other American institution. Reading it, one would conclude he has the license to revolt.

It is this book that has drawn the attention of House members intent upon pressing a resolution for impeachment against Justice Douglas. Staff members of several lawmakers are scrutinizing the book to ascertain whether it contains grounds for impeachment.

One member of the House, Rep. Louis

Wyman of New Hampshire is particularly interested in a possible impeachment attempt. Wyman doesn't wave the red flag; he is widely respected by his colleagues for his distinguished career in law. Aside from having been one of New Hampshire's ablest attorneys general, Rep. Wyman was previously president of the National Association of Attorneys General and was chairman of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Jurisprudence and Law Reform.

Wyman said he was "deeply concerned by the publication of a written statement of views by a sitting justice of the Supreme Court openly encouraging violence in the United States if dissenters in certain cases do not get their way.

"If it can be said that a stock transaction of Judge Haynsworth was a disqualification for the High Court, or as urged by some, that statements in a political campaign 20 years ago by Judge Carswell is an objection, how vastly worse to have this kind of provocation wilfully distributed from the apparent safety of incumbency by one already on the court."

And the New Hampshire congressman goes on to say that "its publication in my opinion constitutes conduct incompatible with judicial good behavior. It is surely high misdemeanor sufficient to warrant removal from the High Court. Justice Douglas should resign from the Supreme Court forthwith. If he does not resign, he should be removed."